

MAILBOX RESTRICTION RESPONSES Docket No. 26438U

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appl. of: Gondry et al

: Examiner:

Dr. I. Chowdhury

Serial No:

10/518,019

: Art Unit:

1652

Filed:

April 13, 2005

For:

POLYNUCLEOTIDES & PEPTIDES CODED BY SAID POLYNUCLEOTIDES INVOLVED IN THE SYNTHESIS OF DIKETOPIPERAZINE DERIVATIVES

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

This is responsive to the requirement for restriction of December 1st, 2005, the period for responding being extended herewith to February 1st, 2006.

THE ELECTION

The applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, directed to a polynucleotide, vector, host cell and method of producing a polypeptide. This Group includes claims 1-7, 13 and 15-20. In addition, the applicant elects, for searching purposes only, the species protein of SEQ ID NO:9 (A1bC), or nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:3 encoding it. The applicant, however, requests that Groups I and II be examined together in this application. The encompassed claims are 1-7, 10-13 and 15-20.